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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The third part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the National Stadium in Warsaw, Poland, from 12 to 23 November 2013.[1]

2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh (Trinidad and Tobago) and Mr. Artur Runge-Metzger (European Union), resumed the second session and opened the 5th plenary meeting on 12 November. They welcomed all Parties and observers. They also welcomed Ms. Isabel Teresa Di Carlo Quero (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela) as Rapporteur of the ADP.

3. The Co-Chairs stressed the need for the ADP to significantly advance its work in Warsaw in the light of the milestones agreed by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its eighteenth session: to consider elements for a draft negotiating text no later than at the session to be held in conjunction with COP 20 (December 2014), with a view to making available a negotiating text before May 2015, and to identify and explore options for a range of actions that can close the pre-2020 ambition gap.[2]

4. Statements were made by representatives of 15 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African States, the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS), the least developed countries (LDCs), the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean (AILAC), the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the League of Arab States, the BASIC (Brazil, China, India and South Africa) countries, the Like-minded Developing Countries, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty, and the Central American Integration System. In addition, statements were made on behalf of business and industry non-governmental organizations (NGOs), environmental NGOs, indigenous peoples organizations, trade union NGOs, women and gender NGOs and youth NGOs.

II. Organizational matters

(Agenda item 2)

A. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2(a))

5. The ADP considered this sub-item at its 6th meeting, on 23 November. The Co-Chairs informed Parties that agreement had been reached among regional groups on the nomination for the Rapporteur of the ADP, and proposed the nominee for election. The ADP elected Ms. Anna Serzysko (Poland) as its Rapporteur. Ms. Serzysko will serve for a term of one year.

[1] The report on the first and second parts of the second session is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2.

[2] Decision 2/CP.18, paragraphs 9 and 5, respectively.

B. Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 2(b))

6. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at its 1st meeting, on 29 April 2013.[3]

C. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2(c))

7. At the 5th meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the scenario note prepared by the Co-Chairs for the session,[4] and outlined the arrangements they had made for the meeting in Warsaw in the light of the conclusions adopted by the ADP at its meeting in June 2013.

8. The Co-Chairs informed delegates that arrangements had been made for open-ended consultations in a plenary setting to conduct focused discussions on item 3 of the agenda of the ADP.

9. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs recalled the organization of work agreed by the ADP at its 1st meeting, and informed the ADP that round-table discussions and in-session workshops would continue as needed to advance work on specific aspects and to explore concepts requiring further clarification, and would include the two in-session workshops referred to in paragraph 15 below.

10. The Co-Chairs further informed delegates on the briefings planned for the third part of the session, namely:

(a) A briefing on the overview of the mandates, as well as on the progress of work under institutions, mechanisms and arrangements under the Convention, requested by the ADP[5] and contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/INF.2;[6]

(b) Two brief presentations on the technical papers requested by the ADP,[7] contained in documents FCCC/TP/2013/10 and FCCC/TP/2013/8 and Add.1 and 2.

11. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs informed Parties of their intention to convene a special event to provide an opportunity for observers to present their substantive ideas and to engage in an in-depth discussion on the work of the ADP. The Co-Chairs' special event took place on 19 November.[8]

[3] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.
[4] Contained in document ADP.2013.16.InformalNote.
[5] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraph 37.
[6] The overview of institutions, mechanisms and arrangements under the Convention is available at <http://unfccc.int/focus/overview/items/7879.php>.
[7] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraph 36(a) and (b).
[8] A summary of the Co-Chairs' special event is currently under preparation and will be made available on the UNFCCC website.

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17

(Agenda item 3)

1. Proceedings

12. The ADP considered this item at its 5th and 6th meetings. It had before it documents FCCC/ADP/2013/INF.2, FCCC/TP/2013/8 and Add.1 and 2, FCCC/TP/2013/10, FCCC/ADP/2013/CRP.1 and FCCC/ADP/2013/L.4 and Add.1.

13. Further to its 5th meeting, the ADP started its work on this item with the briefing on the overview of institutions, mechanisms and arrangements under the Convention, referred to in paragraph 10(a) above, on 12 November.

14. The ADP continued its work on item 3 through the focused open-ended consultations referred to in paragraph 8 above, encompassing work on the content and elements of a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties (the '2015 agreement'), as well as on pre-2020 ambition. The consultations were facilitated by the Co-Chairs with the aim of promoting a dynamic dialogue and candid discussion among all Parties in a transparent, fully inclusive and balanced manner. To this end, the Co-Chairs also proposed questions to guide the discussion, which were made available in advance of the meetings on the UNFCCC website.[9]

15. In addition, the following in-session workshops[10] were held:

(a) A workshop on lessons learned from relevant experience of other multilateral environmental agreements, held on 13 November and facilitated by the Co-Chairs;

(b) A fourth workshop on pre-2020 ambition: urbanization and the role of governments in facilitating climate action in cities, held on 14 November and facilitated by Mr. Burhan Gafoor (Singapore).

16. Further to the open-ended consultations conducted in the first week of the session, the ADP met in an informal plenary on 16 November to take stock of the progress made on this item and consider next steps.

17. The open-ended consultations held during the second week focused on a draft decision to be recommended to the COP for consideration and adoption and on draft conclusions for adoption by the ADP. The text containing the proposed draft decision and draft conclusions was made available to Parties on 18 November and subsequently revised to reflect the feedback received during the consultations.

18. At the 6th meeting, the Co-Chairs introduced the draft conclusions on agenda item 3, contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/L.4, and a draft decision to be presented for consideration and adoption at COP 19, contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/L.4/Add.1.

19. Statements were made by representatives of 16 Parties, including statements on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its member States, the African States, AOSIS, the LDCs, the BASIC countries and AILAC.

20. The Co-Chairs suspended the 6th meeting to allow Parties to consult informally with a view to reaching an agreement on the text of the draft decision and draft conclusions.

[9] <http://unfccc.int/bodies/awg/items/7953.php>.

[10] Summaries of the in-session workshops are currently under preparation and will be made available on the UNFCCC website.

Further to these consultations, the 6th meeting was resumed and a representative of a Party informed the ADP of a proposal for amendments to be made to the draft decision and draft conclusions, with the aim of facilitating agreement among all Parties.

21. The Co-Chairs proposed the amended draft conclusions on agenda item 3 for adoption by the ADP and the amended draft decision to be presented for consideration and adoption at COP 19. At the same meeting, the ADP:

(a) Agreed to forward the draft decision referred to in paragraph 18 above, as orally amended during the course of the meeting, to COP 19 for further consideration and adoption;

(b) Adopted the conclusions referred to in paragraph 18 above, as orally amended, which are contained in paragraphs 27–36 below.

22. A representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia requested that it be placed on the record and reported to the COP that it is the country's interpretation that paragraph 2(b) of document FCCC/ADP/2013/L.4/Add.1 shall be applied in strict accordance with Article 4, in particular its paragraph 7, of the Convention.

23. A representative of Cuba requested that it be placed on the record and reported to the COP that the country adopted the interpretation formulated by the Plurinational State of Bolivia (see para. 22 above).

24. A representative of Qatar requested that it be placed on the record and reported to the COP that Qatar, among other countries, is establishing the Global Dry Land Alliance, which will help dryland countries build their prevention and response mechanisms to the adverse effects of climate change on their national food and water security. This initiative can be directly linked to the ambition highlighted in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 4.

25. The Co-Chairs assured the representatives of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Cuba and Qatar that, as requested, the views expressed would be reflected in the record of the proceedings and reported to the COP.

26. The Co-Chairs invited the secretariat to provide delegates with information regarding the financial implications of the activities listed in the conclusions adopted by the ADP. On behalf of the Executive Secretary, Mr. Halldór Thorgeirsson informed Parties that, given the funds and pledges received and the outcomes of the discussions with Parties to secure the remaining funds needed, the additional session of the ADP, to be held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014, was confirmed. Mr. Thorgeirsson further informed Parties that supplementary funds were required to hold an additional ADP session in the second half of 2014, as well as to secure the required staff support for the ADP process in the 2014–2015 biennium, as there was no agreement to include the latter in the core budget.

2. Conclusions

27. The ADP expressed its appreciation for the inputs made by Parties and admitted observer organizations.

28. The ADP recalled its invitation to Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session[11] and invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to provide further information, views and proposals on the work of the ADP before each session.

29. The ADP invited Parties and admitted observer organizations to submit to the secretariat, by 30 March 2014 and regularly thereafter, information on the opportunities referred to in decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 5(a), including their mitigation benefits, costs,

[11] FCCC/ADP/2012/3, paragraph 22.

co-benefits and barriers to their implementation and strategies to overcome those barriers, including finance, technology and capacity-building support for mitigation action in developing country Parties.

30. The ADP requested the secretariat to conduct the following activities in order to implement decision 1/CP.19:

(a) Under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the ADP, organize in-session workshops, as appropriate;

(b) In relation to paragraph 4 of that decision, enhance the visibility on the UNFCCC website of quantified economy-wide emission reduction targets, quantified emission limitation and reduction commitments and nationally appropriate mitigation actions;

(c) In relation to paragraph 5(a) of that decision:

(i) Organize, under the guidance of the Co-Chairs of the ADP, technical expert meetings at the sessions of the ADP in 2014 to share policies, practices and technologies and address the necessary finance, technology and capacity-building, with a special focus on actions with high mitigation potential, taking note of those identified in the technical paper "Updated compilation of information on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition",[12] with the participation of Parties, civil society, the private sector and cities and other subnational authorities, where appropriate;

(ii) Prepare regular updates to the technical paper referred to in paragraph 30(c)(i) above, including information on actions with high mitigation potential, drawing on the information provided in the submissions referred to in paragraph 29 above and the information provided at the expert meetings referred to in paragraph 30(c)(i) above, to be made available in advance of the sessions of the ADP to be held in conjunction with the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies (June 2014) and COP 20;

(iii) Enhance the visibility on the UNFCCC website of actions with high mitigation potential, including those with adaptation and sustainable development co-benefits, taken or being undertaken by public and private entities;

(d) In relation to paragraph 5(b) of that decision, convene, during the session of the ADP to be held in conjunction with the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies, a forum to help share among Parties the experiences and best practices of cities and subnational authorities in relation to adaptation and mitigation.

31. The ADP welcomed the conclusions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation on the 2013–2015 review.[13]

32. The ADP recalled its conclusions at the first and second parts of its second session,[14] in which it agreed on the need to hold at least one session in 2014 in addition to its sessions to be held in conjunction with the fortieth sessions of the subsidiary bodies and COP 20, and noted that it will hold its first additional session in Bonn, from 10 to 14 March 2014.

33. The ADP agreed to decide, at its first additional session, whether to hold a second additional session in the second half of 2014. It requested the secretariat to secure a suitable

[12] FCCC/TP/2013/8 and Add.1 and 2.

[13] FCCC/SBSTA/2013/5, paragraphs 127–138 and FCCC/SBI/2013/20, paragraphs 161–172.

[14] FCCC/ADP/2013/2.

venue for that session, acknowledging that any such booking may result in cancellation fees.

34. The ADP took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat as referred to in paragraphs 30, 32 and 33 above.

35. The ADP requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources, and urged Parties in a position to do so to contribute the required resources.

36. The ADP recommended a draft decision on this matter for consideration and adoption at COP 19.

IV. Other matters

(Agenda item 4)

37. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 5th meeting. No other matters were raised.

V. Report on the third part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

38. At its 6th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the third part of its second session.[15] At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Co-Chairs, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the third part of the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

VI. Suspension of the session

39. At its 6th meeting, the ADP agreed on a proposal by the Co-Chairs to suspend the second session and resume it on 10 March 2014 in Bonn.

40. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs of the ADP expressed their appreciation to Parties for their work and support and declared the second session of the ADP suspended.

[15] Adopted as document FCCC/ADP/2013/L.3.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the third part of its second session

Documents prepared for the third part of the session

FCCC/ADP/2013/INF.2	An overview of the mandates, as well as the progress of work under institutions, mechanisms and arrangements under the Convention. Note by the secretariat
FCCC/TP/2013/8 and Add.1 and 2	Updated compilation of information on mitigation benefits of actions, initiatives and options to enhance mitigation ambition. Technical paper
FCCC/TP/2013/10	Synthesis of submissions on the costs, benefits and opportunities for adaptation based on different drivers of climate change impacts, including the relationship between adaptation and mitigation. Technical paper
FCCC/ADP/2013/CRP.1	Submissions from the Like-minded Developing Countries
FCCC/ADP/2013/L.3	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 21 November 2013
FCCC/ADP/2013/L.4 and Add.1	Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17. Draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/ADP/2013/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013
FCCC/ADP/2012/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the second part of its first session, held in Doha from 27 November to 7 December 2012

FCCC/ADP/2012/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012

Annex II

Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the third part of its second session

ADP.2013.16.InformalNote	Scenario note on the third part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.14.InformalNote	Note on progress. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.15.InformalSummary	Summary of the ADP Co-Chairs' special event. ADP 2, part 2. Bonn, Germany, 8 June 2013. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.13.InformalSummary	Summary report on the workshop on pre-2020 ambition: energy transformation, including scaling-up renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency and consideration of carbon capture and storage. ADP 2, part 2. Bonn, Germany, 7 June 2013. Note by the facilitator
ADP.2013.12.InformalSummary	Summary of the round tables under workstream 2. ADP 2, part 2. Bonn, Germany, 4–13 June 2013. Note by the Co-Chairs
ADP.2013.11.InformalSummary	Summary report on the workshop on enhancing adaptation through the 2015 agreement. ADP 2, part 2. Bonn, Germany, 6 June 2013. Note by the facilitator
ADP.2013.10.InformalSummary	Summary of the round tables under workstream 1. ADP 2, part 2. Bonn, Germany, 4–13 June 2013. Note by the Co-Chairs